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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **Xolobe Village residents receive 22 water tanks to assist with water shortages**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in collaboration with the Chris Hani District Municipality (CHDM) handed over 22 water tanks to the residents of Xolobe Village in Tsomo, Eastern Cape on Friday, 19 October 2018.

This was done to mark the centenary celebration of struggle stalwart Mrs Albertina Sisulu, who has contributed immensely in the liberation of South Africa. In his welcoming address, Councillor Melekile Skotana said that although Ward 3 still had water and sanitation challenges, the Chris Hani District Municipality was working tirelessly to improve service delivery in the surrounding areas.

“We are here to celebrate the life of Mrs Albertina Sisulu. She has not only led the people of Xolobe, Intsika Yethu Local Municipality and Chris Hani District Municipality but the entire South Africa. She has contributed enormously in the liberation of this country. On Friday, 26 October 2018, we will be here to celebrate her life contribution in the struggle,” said the Executive Mayor of the Chris Hani District Municipality Councillor Kholiswa Vimbayo.

Councillor Vimbayo added that the centenary celebration of Mrs Sisulu coincided with government’s Thuma Mina campaign which seeks to encourage volunteerism by everyone in the community and broader society.

“Mrs Sisulu was a living example of this because she was also involved in community organizations and serving communities”, said Councillor Vimbayo.

“I’m delighted with the work that the government is doing in Xolobe Village to honor my aunt Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu. Thank you very much to the government and the people of Xolobe Village for recognizing Albertina Sisulu’s contribution in this country. I also thank the government for the 150 flush toilets that have been erected in our village. Indeed, our dignity has been restored”, said Mr Mhlangabezi Thethiwe, Albertina Sisulu’s nephew.

In addition, to address water shortages in Xolobe Village, Mayor of Intsika Yethu Local Municipality Councillor Jongumzi Cengani said the municipality was drilling boreholes and there is a water project



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underway, set to provide water to four (4) villages under Tsomo namely Bengu, Jim, Ncekemfu and Madondile.

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